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WEEK: _____ **PROBLEM:** _____

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The bar rotates in the x - y plane with constant angular velocity $\omega_0 = 12$ rad/s. The radial component of acceleration of the collar C (in m/s^2) is given as a function of the radial position in meters by $a_r = -8r$. When $r = 1$ m, the radial component of velocity of C is $v_r = 2$ m/s. Determine the velocity of C in terms of polar coordinates when $r = 1.5$ m.

Strategy: Use the chain rule to write the first term in the radial component of the acceleration as

$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = \frac{dv_r}{dt} = \frac{dv_r}{dr} \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dv_r}{dr} v_r$$

REQUIRED:

SOLUTION:

Solution: We have

$$a_r = \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} - r \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 = -(8 \text{ rad/s}^2)r,$$

$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = \left(\left[\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right]^2 - (8 \text{ rad/s}^2) \right) r = ([12 \text{ rad/s}]^2 - [8 \text{ rad/s}^2])r = ([136 \text{ rad/s}^2])r$$

Using the supplied strategy we can solve for the radial velocity

$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = v_r \frac{dv_r}{dr} = (136 \text{ rad/s}^2)r$$

$$\int_{2 \text{ m/s}}^{v_r} v_r dv_r = (136 \text{ rad/s}^2) \int_{1 \text{ m}}^{1.5 \text{ m}} r dr$$

$$\frac{v_r^2}{2} - \frac{(2 \text{ m/s})^2}{2} = (136 \text{ rad/s}^2) \left(\frac{(1.5 \text{ m})^2}{2} - \frac{(1 \text{ m})^2}{2} \right)$$

Solving we find $v_r = 13.2$ m/s.

We also have $v_\theta = r \frac{d\theta}{dt} = (1.5 \text{ m})(12 \text{ rad/s}) = 18$ m/s.

Thus $\mathbf{v} = (13.2\mathbf{e}_r + 18\mathbf{e}_\theta)$ m/s.

